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Rural Roads
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated, sanctioned and utilised for the construction of roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years, State/ UT- wise and year-wise;

(b) the targets fixed and length of roads constructed under PMGSY during the last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(c) whether all the habitations having population over 500 have been provided road connectivity under PMGSY and if not, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government is contemplating to bring down the population criteria from 500 to 250 for the sparsely populated States like Rajasthan and hilly States under PMGSY and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has taken note of complaints/irregularities/corruption pertaining to PMGSY projects, if so, the details thereof and the corrective action taken thereon for effective implementation of PMGSY, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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(a) Funds allocated, sanctioned and expenditure incurred under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years, State/ UT-wise and year-wise are given as per Annexure -I.

(b) The State-wise targets fixed and length of roads constructed under PMGSY during the last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise are given as per Annexure -II.

(c) Out of the total eligible habitations of 1,27,069, having population of more than 500, 1,16,931 eligible unconnected habitations have so far been sanctioned to the States (upto June, 2016). States have been asked to submit the proposals of the remaining eligible unconnected habitations in the financial year 2016-17. State wise details of eligible/sanctioned/connected habitations are given as per Annexure -III.

(d) The eligible habitations having population of 250 persons and above (Census 2001) in Special Category States (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand), the desert Areas (as identified in the Desert Development Programme), the Tribal (Schedule V) areas and selected Tribal and Backward Districts (as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs and erstwhile Planning Commission) are eligible to be provided all weather road under PMGSY.

(e) Complaints related to various facets of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) including that of irregularities pertaining to PMGSY projects are received from time to time. In Para 15.1 of the Programme Guidelines, it has been provided that the execution and quality of road works is the responsibility of the State Governments, who are implementing the Programme. All such complaints are therefore, referred to the State Quality Coordinators (SQCs) of respective States for taking necessary action and furnishing reports to the Ministry.

In case, an adequate response is not received within the stated time schedule, the National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) deputes National Quality Monitors (NQMs) to States/UTs and further processing is done on the basis of NQM reports. Statements containing State-wise, Year-wise details of complaints received vis-a-vis action taken for the period 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17 (upto June, 2016) are given in Annexure - IV

Further, programme guidelines of PMGSY also provide for a three tier Quality Control Mechanism. 1st tier is in-house quality control executed through establishment of field laboratories to test the quality of materials used and workmanship executed. 2nd tier is independent monitoring of construction quality by quality monitors called State Quality Monitors (SQMs) managed by the respective State headquarters. The 3rd tier is envisaged as an independent monitoring mechanism at the central level. Under this tier, the independent National Quality Monitors are engaged for inspections of sample roads, selected at random.

Whenever quality of any road work, after the inspection of the NQM, is graded as "Satisfactory Requiring improvement" (SRI) or "Unsatisfactory" (U), the State Government is directed to ensure that the contractor replaces the material or rectifies the workmanship (as the case may be) within a reasonable time period. For road works graded as "Satisfactory Requiring Improvement" (SRI) and "Unsatisfactory" on the basis of observations of National Quality Monitors, Action Taken Reports are monitored and processed by National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA).

Action Taken Reports of the road works graded as "Satisfactory Requiring Improvement" (SRI) and "Unsatisfactory" (U) by the State Quality Monitors are monitored by the respective State Governments.

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